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ORDER.—The subject of appointing a standing Text Book Committee for Mysore has for some time been before Government. It is resolved to appoint a strong Committee as a consultative body to help Government in the selection and preparation of text books on the lines laid down by the Government of India. Their chief functions will be the following:—

- (1) To select suitable text books for all Lower Secondary and Primary Schools of Mysore.
- (2) To indicate how far the existing text books require revision.
- (3) To lay down the lines on which new text books should be written and to arrange for their preparation.
- (4) To correct the text and prepare expurgated editions of Kannada and Sanskrit books for the use of schools and of candidates for the Local Examinations.
- (5) To suggest the text books for the Local Examinations both in the language and other subjects.
- (6) To select and recommend books for prizes and reference.
- (7) To review books offered by authors for patronage.

2. In the preparation of new text books for Vernacular Schools, care will be taken to see that the language and style adopted are such as are easily intelligible to a person ignorant of English. To make sure that this object is attained in the case of every new publication, it shall be approved by one or more Pandits on the Committee that are not likely to know the English books from which the subject matter may have been derived. It will also be necessary to see that the language and grammatical forms used in the text books are not too learned or pedantic to be easily understood by pupils and other readers ignorant of Sanskrit.

3. For the High Schools a preliminary list of selected books for every subject will be circulated every year in the month of June for remarks, suggestions or additions among the Heads of Colleges and High Schools as well as the members of the Text Book Committee. On the receipt of their replies, a final list of books authorized for use as text books in High Schools will be issued not later than the 15th of August. For every subject more than one text book will usually be selected from which the Head of each Institution will choose the text book he considers best for his pupils, the other books recommended for the same subject being kept for reference in the school library. Before the 15th of September if the Heads of Institutions will make their own selections from the list of authorized text books and indent for the number of copies likely to be required for use in their schools in the following year, the Curator of the Government Central Book Depot will take steps to keep a supply of the books indented for ready at the commencement of the ensuing year. It is hoped that by the preparation and publication of an authorized list of text books for High Schools in the manner above mentioned, the newest books will be brought to the notice of all teachers especially of those in the District High Schools, and variety in the use of approved text books as well as a certain degree of fullness and accuracy in teaching will be secured. If a good school book is published after the authorized list for the ensuing year is issued, it may if approved by Government be used as a reference book immediately and adopted as a text book in the year following that for which the last published list of authorized books is issued.

4. The Education Secretary will be *Ex-officio* President of the Text Book Committee and he will appoint the Secretary to the Committee. The Committee may delegate any of its functions to Sub-Committees. The Secretary to the General Committee will be *Ex-officio* Secretary to every Sub-Committee. The General Committee will meet as often as the President may think it neces-

sary to convene a meeting or at least once in three months. The Committee will submit an annual report to Government of the work done by it during the year. If a member leaves the Province for more than six months, he shall vacate his appointment. The Committee will have the power to recommend from time to time additions to the number of its members.

5. Government is pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to form the standing Text Book Committee. Government, however, reserves to itself the right of publishing revised lists of members whenever it may seem necessary to do so. The names of the members of the Committee will be notified in the official Gazette :—

The Education Secretary.  
 The Revd. H. Gulliford.  
 The Revd. J. A. Vanes, B. A.  
 Mr. K. Muhammad Ali,  
 „ V. N. Narasimmaiengar.  
 Khan Bahadur Abdul Rahman.  
 Mr. Mir Shujayat Ali Khan.  
 „ B. Venkatapataiengar.  
 „ D. Subbaiya, B. A.  
 „ R. Venkataramaiya, B. A.  
 „ S. Srinivasa Rao, B. A.  
 „ R. Raghunatha Rao, B. A.  
 „ M. B. Srinivasaiengar, B. A.  
 „ M. Shama Rao, M. A.

Mr. A. Mahadeva Sastri, B. A.  
 „ S. Rangacharlu.  
 „ C. Subba Rao, B. A.  
 „ N. Venkatesaiengar, B. A.  
 „ A. C. Subba Rao, B. A.  
 „ K. Venkataswami Iyer, B. A.  
 „ M. S. Puttanna, B. A.  
 „ Mir Hamza Husen, B. A.  
 „ B. Mallappa.  
 „ Syed Muhammad, Assistant Deputy  
 Inspector of Schools.  
 Pandit Visweswara Sastri.  
 „ Srikanta Sastri.  
 „ Kari Basappa Sastri.

H. J. BHABHA,

*Secretary.*

To—The Members of the Text Book Committee.  
 The Heads of Government and Aided Colleges and  
 High Schools.  
 The Deputy Inspectors of Schools.